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1. INDIAN DEL (SANDILYA) CALLED US MTN DEL (GRAEF) THIS MORNING TO ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVAL OF HODA FROM NEW DELHI. SANDILYA INDICATED THAT AMBASSADOR DAVE HAD SIGNED THE INDIAN LETTER AS QUOTED IN PARA 4 OF REF B ON 19 JULY AND THAT GOI WAS PREPARED TO EXCHANGE LETTERS WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 AT 10:00 A.M. PROVIDED THE US WOULD ACCEPT TWO CHANGES TO THE TEXTS OF ITS LETTER (PARA 3 OF REF B).

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2. THE FIRST CHANGE INVOLVES DROPPING THE OPENING CLAUSE IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 4 DF UNITED STATES LETTER, "WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE NEGOTIATING POSITION OF EITHER PARTY." THUS THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 4 WOULD READ "IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE RESULTS OF THIS UNDERSTANDING WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO SUCH AN OVERALL MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT."

- 3. THE SECOND CHANGE REQUESTED BY GOI IS TO COMBINE THEIR VERSION OF PARA 5 OF THE US LETTER WITH THE US VERSION. THEY HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE TEXT OF PARA 5 NOW READ "IN THE INTERIM, RELYING UPON THE CONTENTS OF YOUR LETTER INCLUDING THE MEASURES CITED, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL PROVIDE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SECURITY CONSISTENT WITH THE TIME LIMITS ALLOWED BY US LAW FOR ITS CONCESSIONS."
- 4. BASED ON TELCONS WITH AMBASSADOR WOLFF AND MONTGOMERY OF COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ON 7/19, MTN DEL UNDERSTANDS THAT FIRST CHANGE (PARA 2 ABOVE) IS ACCEPTABLE TO US. MTN DEL FINDS NO PROBLEM WITH THE SECOND CHANGE PROPOSED BY GOI AND SEEKS AUTHORITY TO COMPLETE THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. MTN DEL FURTHER REQUESTS THAT REF CABLES C AND D BE REPEATED OPEN CHANNEL WHICH CITE PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY TO COMPLETE TROPICAL PRODUCTS UNDERSTANDING WITH INDIA AND TECHNICAL CHANGE TO US CONCESSION ON TSUS 335.50.
- 5. DRAFTED BY GRAEF. MCDONALD

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